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# Alberta rolling out plan to sync playground, school zone times

**Traffic.** Move intends to improve student safety, remove driver confusion



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Provincial transportation officials are clearing the road, so to speak, for synchronizing the times in which playground and school zones are in effect.

The move will see control of playground zones turned back to municipalities and comes to reduce driver confusion and address growing concerns from parents about the safety of their kids walking to and from class daily.

In 2010, city officials introduced earlier school zone times requiring motorists to slow to 30 km/h from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. But playground zones remain in control of the province and are only in effect from 8:30 a.m. to one hour after sunset.

"With the changing nature of schooling, there are some places where school actually goes in before the playground zone comes into effect," said Alberta Transportation spokesperson Parker Hogan.

The ministry will likely bring forward a proposal to amend the provincial Traffic Safety Act and allow municipalities to sync the zone times



Mother Karen Lloyd, seen with two of her eight kids, Pearl and Douglas, welcomed word of a decision by the province that will allow playground and school zone times to operate in sync. GLENN KELLY/FOR METRO

during the legislative session set to begin at October's end, Hogan said.

He didn't offer a specific date on when the zone times would be changed but said it would "make sense" for it to occur next fall when school resumes.

The move to change the times also comes after the tragic death of six-year-old

St. Albert student Thomas Wedman, who was struck and killed by a school bus while walking to class late last month. Community members said safety concerns had been raised repeatedly about the intersection where the young boy died.

In Calgary, parents like Karen Lloyd are quick to offer their own harrowing stories of

near-misses during the daily scramble of students getting off buses, crossing streets and going into their classrooms.

"It's quite the zoo," said the mother of eight. "You have sometimes more than 100 parents dropping their kids off in this 10-minute period because you can't have a child on school property prior to 15 minutes before the bell."

Lloyd and numerous other parents at Sam Livingston School have pushed for increased traffic safety around schools, repeatedly meeting with police and government officials as well organizing songs, poster contests and other speaking engagements to raise awareness among administrators, parents and students.

'Fantastic'

## Parent applauds province's move

Mother Karen Lloyd said the province's move to change playground zone times was "fantastic" but added issues remain around driver behaviour, school design and a lack of senior students to serve as crossing guards in schools that only house kids up until Grade 4.

Calgary Ald. Andre Chabot, who has questioned the decision to have separate playground and school zone times in the past, welcomed the change and said the only critics would likely be motorists running late to the office.

"The schools start a lot earlier, a lot of kids are walking, a lot of playgrounds are directly adjacent to the schools — it just makes sense to have those two starting at the same time," Chabot said.

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# Ward 8 tackles housing crunch

**CivicCamp.** Candidates discuss ways for city to deal with housing shortage, from secondary suites to building more rentals

Solving Calgary's housing crunch was the topic du jour Tuesday night as three Ward 8 contenders argued they could create more places for people to live, if elected.

Inner-city incumbent John Mar stood behind his record on council as he went tit-for-tat with punchy challenger Evan Woolley and folksy rival Ian Newman at an election forum held in Bankview.

Mar harkened back to when he pushed forward an emergency motion to legalize secondary suites after June's historic floods knocked out several rental buildings, further winding up a tight rental market.

"This is a big-issue issue for our ward," he said. "Will I support it? Yes."

"Have I supported it? Yes

— every single time that it's come to council for an individual application."

Current city rules make it tough for homeowners to get permission to rent out their unregulated properties. Rezoning applications get dragged through the Calgary Planning Commission and city council for approval.

Woolley termed approving secondary suites the "best way to improve affordable housing," and questioned why Calgary is one of the last places in North America to end its restrictions.

"It shouldn't take a flood and zero-per-cent vacancy rates to move along secondary suites," he said.

Newman, meanwhile, acknowledged secondary suites are "part of the equation," but he called for more high-rise rental apartment buildings to be built for young professionals.

At Tuesday's CivicCamp forum, the candidates also discussed bettering access to recreational facilities, cutting developer subsidies and inner-city transportation.

BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO



Ward 8 candidates, from left, John Mar, Ian Newman and Evan Woolley. The trio squared off Tuesday night over the divisive issue of secondary suites. BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

## CBE head latest to leave embattled board



Naomi Johnson METRO FILE

Winds of change are blowing through Calgary's public school board as its top executive has announced she will join two trustees in departing the organization.

Chief Supt. Naomi Johnson, who first took the Calgary Board of Education's top position in 2009, made it known Tuesday evening she will be resigning effective April 8, 2014.

"I am proud of our system, our employees and our students, and I am continually

impressed by how valued public education is by our entire community," Johnson wrote in a letter to trustee chair Pat Cochrane.

"Thank you for enabling me to be part of every child's success," she added.

Johnson, whose contract was up next July, was not available for an interview, but her resignation comes on the heels of announcements by Cochrane and fellow trustee Carol Bazinet that neither would seek re-election in the

Oct. 21 municipal ballot.

Officials made it clear that any decision on a replacement chief would be left in the hands of the new board.

The CBE has faced continued criticism over spending and resource allocation in recent years. Most recently, parents have decried bulging class sizes, a now-cancelled pilot project that would have seen numerical grades removed from report cards for kindergarten to Grade 9 students, as well as a decision

to spend thousands on two functions for a retiring superintendent.

Cochrane, taking part in her final trustee board meeting Tuesday, deemed Johnson's work with the CBE since joining as a teacher in 1980 "truly remarkable."

Cochrane said major issues for the board going forward will be provincial funding, infrastructure backlogs and keeping pace with rapidly evolving technology.

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# Rapid transit tops the list of pressing needs

**Part 3 of 5.** Metro examines the results of a five-question survey put to candidates by Transit Camp YYC



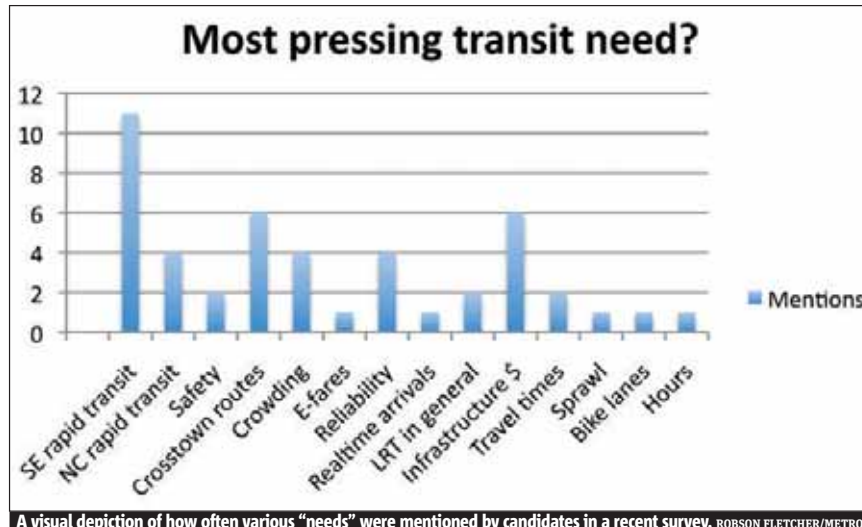
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Southeast rapid transit was by far the most common answer among candidates running for city council when asked about Calgary's most pressing transit need.

Eleven of the 40 candidates who responded to a TransitCamp YYC survey cited either southeast LRT or bus rapid transit in response to that question, including candidates who live at the opposite end of the city.

"I have friends who live in the southeast and whenever I go and visit them, going down Deerfoot always takes much longer than expected," said Bernie Dowhan, who lives in Ward 2 and is running to represent the northern area on council.

"Not only do I wish to represent Ward 2, I also wish to represent the City of Calgary as a whole," Dowhan said. "The southeast LRT is definitely the most pressing need, and the north-central transit line would be right behind it."



A visual depiction of how often various "needs" were mentioned by candidates in a recent survey. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Ward 14 candidate Shawn Kao said he's not surprised candidates in other parts of the city highlighted the need for transit infrastructure in his area. "People do know," he said. "When you go down south, there is a pressing need. You see it."

But incumbent Ward 7 candidate Druh Farrell, who has supported north-central bus rapid transit as a top priority for the city's next major investment, said while the need is great in both areas, the cost of developing to the southeast remains prohibitive.

Farrell cited a recent cost-

## Quoted

"In terms of where we need to go in the future, the southeast is expanding rapidly in terms of people moving there, services being provided with the new hospital, the new business park opening up in Quarry Park. Ultimately it comes down to common sense. It just makes sense."

Ward 2 candidate Bernie Dowhan, on why he picked southeast rapid transit as the "most pressing" transit need in the city, despite not living there himself.

benefit analysis that ranked the estimated \$120-million north-central bus rapid transit line as the best use of taxpayer dollars and the \$642-million

southeast transitway several spots further down the list.

"Hopefully evidence-based decision-making will come into play," she said.

## Giant blue circle. Art installation raises eyebrows – and ire

Mayor Naheed Nenshi says an enormous blue circle recently erected on 96 Avenue at a cost of nearly half a million dollars doesn't suit his tastes, but he still supports the public-art policy that led to its purchase and installation.

"I think it's terrible," the mayor said Tuesday of the 17-metre monument, dubbed "Travelling Light" by the German firm that created it.

The piece was purchased and installed on the recently opened 96 Avenue/Airport Trail extension as part of the city's "one per cent for public art" policy.

"Ninety-nine per cent went to the engineering and construction of the bridge, and one per cent is supposed



"Travelling Light" GLENN KELLY/FOR METRO

to go to make it nice," Nenshi said. "I'm just not sure this makes it all that nice."

Like all public-art projects selected under the policy, this one was chosen by a citizen panel. Nenshi said the panel evaluated 55 submissions and "this is what we got."

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## No reported injuries. Police hunt for suspect in string of break-ins

Authorities sounded the alarm Tuesday over a string of break-ins that were reported at apartments within four blocks of the police station on Bonaventure Drive S.E.

Residents were home in three of the four cases and called police between 7 p.m. Monday and 2 a.m. Tuesday.

Staff Sgt. Dale Flemming told reporters Tuesday the culprit twice scaled apartment balconies to enter

through a patio door.

In two incidences, the residents were sleeping inside. He said the intruder pinched a wallet from one man's trousers while he slept.

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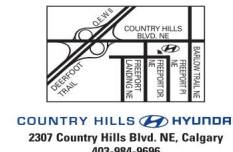
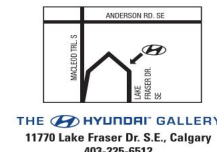
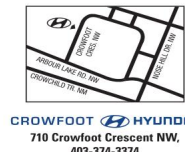
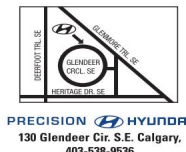
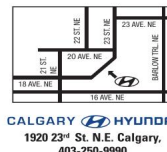
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# Man suspects neo-Nazis damaged his home

## Blood and Honour.

Jason Devine, who has ties to Anti-Racist Action Calgary, says he's been targeted by white supremacists in the past

For Jason Devine, the damage to his southeast Calgary home

and vehicle last week was all too familiar.

He has no proof, but suspects white supremacists with the group Blood and Honour are behind the damage — it's the sixth time he's alleged such abuse in as many years.

In the most violent encounter, five masked men broke into the same home, located in the 5400 block of 8 Avenue S.E., and allegedly beat Devine

severely in 2010. In the aftermath, the Alberta government temporarily removed his four kids from the home amid fears for their safety.

Even now, Devine says he worries about his boys, all between the ages of eight and 15, and his wife, Bonnie.

"It's very tiring to have to live knowing it's only a matter of time before you face an attack either on your property

or on yourself — that there's a group of people living in this city who, if they could, would kill you," he said Tuesday.

Devine, who has ties to the group Anti-Racist Action Calgary, has been among the most vocal critics of the neo-Nazi movement, repeatedly squaring off with them during annual rallies held simultaneously by the two sides.

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Calgary activist Jason Devine looks through the broken front window of his home. He suspects the damage was the work of white supremacists, with whom he had repeated clashes in the past. GLENN KELLY/FOR METRO



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## 10 minutes, \$100. Techie asks cellphone Hitchcocks to make bite-sized frights

Movie and technology buff Rick Villanueva wants aspiring Hitchcocks and Cravens to pull out their smartphones when shooting their next horror flick.

To that end, the gregarious Calgarian has launched "TenScaryMinutes."

The online competition solicits amateur submissions recorded via cellphones, tablets or camcorders. True to name, the entries must be edited to 10 minutes long or less.

"It gives kids and anyone with an imagination the means to enter," Villanueva said.

With only \$100 up for grabs, he acknowledged the contest is non-commercial and meant to be fun. For Villanueva, it's an opportunity to put ubiquitous gadgets to good use.

"Everyone does their Jackass kind of videos — yay," he said. "Everyone tries to catch their buddies doing something silly — yay. What else do you do with it?"

With the Oct. 21 deadline looming, Villanueva hopes to get a few last-minute entries. Only five submissions have landed in his inbox from American movie-makers, though he expects a few more to come.

It's been tough sloggling locally for the self-described "frustrated radio DJ" turned downtown pencil-pusher. Calgary's post-secondary institutions haven't taken notice, he said — when even the renowned New York University's Tisch School of the Arts has promoted the project.

Scott Bennie, of Don's Hobby Shop, compared Villanueva's contest to the Big Rock Ed-dies in expressing optimism for its future.

"It's definitely a growing community," said Bennie. "It's the whole YouTube-genre of filming."

Details on the contest can be found at [TenScaryMinutes.com](http://TenScaryMinutes.com).

BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

### 3,631 more students

## School board dealing with enrolment surge

Calgary's public school board says it has experienced growth like never before this year, and is currently teaching 3,631 more students than last year.

The greatest areas of growth were seen in grades 1-3 (1,518 students) and grades 4-6 (1,219 students).

But the board also ended up with 458 more students in grades 10-12 than it anticipated in its enrolment projects. Reports have surfaced in recent weeks of class sizes exceeding 40 students in high school core subjects.

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### Service Dog Act

## Justice minister wants more protection for service animals

Alberta's justice minister says he wants to amend provincial legislation to better protect service animals after a police dog was killed in Edmonton.

Jonathan Denis says the province is considering changing the Service Dog Act to include provisions that would punish people who harm the animals.

The Service Dog Act currently makes it illegal to discriminate against someone who uses a qualified service dog, but there is nothing in the act that deals with cruelty toward the animals.

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Naheed Nenshi speaks with reporters about the Manning Foundation report Tuesday. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

# Mayor, Manning agree at long last

**Home pricing.** Both incumbent mayor and think-tank report say full growth costs should be built into new developments

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New suburbs come with higher infrastructure costs than higher-density developments but lower total costs per occupant, according to a new Manning Foundation report that recommends the city make developers pay the full cost of all such projects.

"Rather than focusing on

regulating types of developments, it would be better to price it better," Ben Brunnen, the report's author, said Tuesday. "That would help Calgarians make better choices about their housing."

Mayor Naheed Nenshi has been at odds with other reports put out this year by the Manning Foundation but agreed with this one, at least in part.

"I prefer having a real free market with true cost, so people can make their decisions and then pay off that cost as part of their mortgage, rather than paying it off as a hidden cost in your taxes over time," Nenshi said.

"Good on them for actually standing up for the correct, free-market principle here, which is what I've been saying this entire time, which is that

we need to stop these corporate subsidies," Nenshi said.

Brunnen goes on to say, however, that low-density developments are less expensive per occupant when you factor in construction costs and typical occupancy rates, offering a more efficient housing mode, overall.

"With the higher-density developments, there's lower occupants per unit, and there's lower square footage too," he said.

Nenshi agreed that "growth everywhere needs to pay for itself," but added "inner-city growth is different."

"It doesn't generally require off-site improvements like interchanges to access the neighbourhood," he said. "That's really what we're talking about here."



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## New allegations

## Sen. Duffy in hot water again

Sen. Mike Duffy  
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An RCMP allegation that Sen. Mike Duffy awarded \$65,000 in Senate contracts to a friend who did little actual work is the latest twist in the case of the troubled former Conservative.

The Mounties filed a production order in an Ottawa court on Tuesday to gain access to bank-account records related to the allegation. They are looking at new allegations of fraud and breach of trust against Duffy, based on fresh findings.

"That investigation determined that Sen. Duffy hired a friend as a consultant over an approximate four-year period and paid him a total of approximately \$65,000 during that time, for little or no apparent work," wrote Cpl. Greg Horton, the lead investigator.

Duffy said in an email that it would be "inappropriate for me to comment while these matters are being examined by the RCMP." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Sochi style: Can Team Canada pull it off?



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## Looking ahead

## On the road to Sochi Olympics

More than a month after the first leak, Hockey Canada and Nike officially unveiled our hockey jerseys for the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi. Amid club music and laser lights, youth players skated onto the ice at Maple Leaf Gardens sporting the red, white and alternate black uniforms that the men's, women's and sledge-hockey teams will wear at the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

## The big to-do

"Their mouths dropped, a little awestruck. They didn't realize what they were here for."

Hockey Hall of Famer and former Canadian Olympian Joe Nieuwendyk, about the teenage players from the Toronto area who were invited to model the jerseys.

Games.

Both the red and white jerseys include a stem-less maple leaf, and have already been criticized for resembling Petro Canada's logo. Nike's Olympic creative

## Red, white and black

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Canada will be the only team in Sochi with a third jersey. "The fans like black, there's no question, and so do the players. But our real colours are red and white," Hockey Canada president and CEO Bob Nicholson said.

director Ken Black said the main inspirations for the design were Canada's 1920 and 1972 Olympic hockey jerseys.

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A demonstrator with his face covered takes part in a march in support of teachers on strike in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Monday night. FELIPE DANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Teacher strikes take a violent turn in Brazil

### Started off peaceful.

Teachers have been off the job demanding better pay for almost two months

Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo woke up to scenes of destruction on Tuesday following violent overnight

demonstrations in support of teachers on strike asking for higher wages.

In Rio, a largely peaceful rally by some 20,000 demonstrators turned violent when small groups of masked protesters started hurling rocks and Molotov cocktails at banks, stores and restaurants and set fire to a passenger bus.

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### Ongoing protests

Protests over transportation costs began in June.

- These demonstrations snowballed into a nationwide movement against high taxes, corruption and high World Cup spending.

## One year later. Girl describes Taliban attack and survival in new book

Seven days after the Pakistani Taliban shot her in the head, Malala Yousafzai woke up confused in a place that wasn't home. Her first thought? "Thank God I'm not dead."

Yousafzai, whose campaign for girls' right to education made her a Taliban target, describes the shooting and its aftermath in a book that came out Tuesday, a day before the anniversary of the assassina-

tion attempt.

In an excerpt in The Sunday Times, the now 16-year-old describes riding in a school van with her girlfriends when it was stopped by two men, including the gunman who shot her in the left eye socket at close range.

Yousafzai has been mentioned as a possible contender for the Nobel Peace Prize.

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### Migrant ship tragedy

#### Suspected captain held

Italy on Tuesday detained a 35-year-old Tunisian man suspected of being the captain of a boat carrying African migrants that sank off the tiny island of Lampedusa, Italy. Divers, meanwhile, recovered dozens of additional bodies from the wreckage, raising the death toll to 275.

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**Talk, talk!** New report reveals how yakking on your cellphone is shaping the country

Albertans are buying smartphones and tablets more than any other consumers in Canada — and they prefer Apple

products.

While Alberta is iPhone country, Toronto consumers and anglophones living in Montreal are BlackBerry fans. Vancouverites are most into Google Android phones.

That's the message in a report by the Media Technology Monitor, which probes how consum-

**By the numbers**

## 68%

Only 68 per cent of francophones in Quebec City own a cellphone, according to a study by the Media Technology Monitor.

ers embrace technology.

"It isn't surprising to see that in a country as di-

verse as Canada you're going to see diversity not just between anglophones and francophones but also the regions as well," said MTM executive Andrea Sharkey.

About two in three Albertans said they had a smartphone, with nearly half using an iPhone and about 25 per cent carrying an Android device. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Alberta is iPhone country, according to a new survey. So naturally this woman is using an iPhone as she snaps events at last July's Calgary Stampede. **JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE**


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## Tweet this. Confused Twitter fans give Tweeter a boost on stock market

Tweeter is not Twitter. And its stock symbol has changed to avoid confusion.

The bankrupt electronics retailer's stock resumed trading Tuesday under "THEGQ." Its old symbol was "TWTRQ."

That was apparently too similar to "TWTR," the symbol proposed by Twitter when the messaging service filed plans for its highly anticipated initial public offering.



A vacant Tweeter store in New Hampshire. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE**

Some confused investors sent Tweeter's stock up as much as 1,400 per cent on Friday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**





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# THE FUTURE IS HERE, BUT NO ONE CARES

If you were ever a kid, you'll remember dreaming about having your very own two-way wrist communicator.

Jimmy Olsen had one to stay in touch with Superman. All he had to do was press the button, and a cool zee-zee-zee sound would summon the Man of Steel.

In fact, anyone who was anyone in the fantasy universe had one, from Dick Tracy to Captain Kirk to Knight Rider to the Power Rangers.

Now you can have one, thanks to Samsung, which has just released the Galaxy Gear. This device gives your wrist a very high-tech panache and allows you to link up to your Galaxy phone via Bluetooth and talk at your wrist.

Too bad the fantasy is still better than the reality. Because the Gear has no brain, i.e. SIM card, of its own, it's



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pretty much a local version of the phone in your pocket. And only if that phone is a Galaxy Note 3. You'll have to wait for the next version to hook up to more phones and functionality. But if you want to be the first Inspector Gadget on your block and you have \$300 to spend on a half-baked idea, knock yourself out.

Still Samsung has succeeded at one thing... its outstanding commercials recapture the gee-whizzery of the wrist phone, as they take us through a gallery of fantastic applications from the comics and movies leading to the next big thing: Your BFF right there on your wrist, ready to two-way, just like Jimmy Olsen and Superman.

What's interesting is that I don't care. And neither, apparently, does anyone else.

The Galaxy Gear has been released with a big tech thud.

It's partly because the watch itself appears to be a work in progress, but the Samsung ads are technically accurate — if oversimplified — and you have to wonder why the smart wrist watch — and other gee-whizzicker products such as Google Glass — don't bring the magic.

Aren't we delighted that the future has finally arrived?

Maybe it's because now that it's here, we don't really like it. It comes with baggage, such as greenhouse gases and Miley Cyrus. And now that we can communicate without wires, it's all too obvious that most of us don't really have anything to say. Hashtag fail.

And instead of escaping into the next future, we're so freaked out by the one we're in that we can only imagine dystopian scenarios featuring the zombie apocalypse, where the zombies know where we are at all times thanks to GPS.

The Galaxy Gear is really an old-fashioned idea. It belongs in the Dick Tracy era with our collective childhood. Your real mobile device is much more powerful and just as handy.

The real future, sad to say, isn't for kids.

## ZOOM

### Many scribbles make light work



JANNE PARVIAINEN/REX FEATURES

#### Photo captured with long exposure

A light illusionist did his best to show himself and his wife suffering the hot flashes of a flu. Janne Parviainen, 33, from Helsinki, Finland, created this unsettling image using amazing light techniques and long-exposure photography. The Finn told Metro he created this dazzling light display out of boredom. **METRO**

#### Making light of the flu



"Having a really bad flu made me focus and concentrate on getting this photograph right. It was like a battle against the odds, but I kept telling myself I could do this."

Janne Parviainen, artist and photographer from Helsinki, Finland

#### How the artist pulled off the light effect

How did Parviainen pull off this mesmerizing image?

"I set up the camera for a long-exposure photograph," the artist begins. "Then, I created the lines using a flashing red and blue LED light. I was crawling and jumping from one end of the room to the next, all to make sure that every inch of the room was covered in the light." **METRO**

#### Exposure time in minutes

# 30

minutes is the time frame Parviainen used to create his long-exposure photograph. All of his surreal photographs, the Finnish photographer claims, are produced manually with no post-production alterations or enhancements.

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If all that Nobel news about Francois Englert and Peter Higgs winning the physics prize for their Higgs boson work wasn't enough to turn you on to science for the week, then perhaps the amazing space-is-scary film Gravity and what astronauts have had to say about it has piqued your interest. Here's some breezy reading about science and space while you're tuned in.



This image shows a typical event in the search for the Higgs boson. COURTESY CERN

#### Bad Astronomy:

Phil Plait waxes ecstatic about all things extraterrestrial in some of the friendliest wording you'll find on topics that typically trend toward dense. A word of warning: He's generous with links, so it's easy to get lost. (slate.com/blogs/bad\_astronomy.html)

#### Mother Jones:

OK, so this isn't a blog at all. But Kiera Butler, Mother Jones' science writer, is a required addition to your RSS feed for

topics ranging from scary business like antibiotic overprescription to comforting news like the benefits of frozen food. (motherjones.com/authors/kiera-butler)

#### Planetary Society:

The writers who lovingly tend the Planetary Society blogs section are serious eggheads. But if you happen to be a quick study with genius jargon and academic acronyms, you'll soon be up to date on the Comet of the Century. Did you even know one of those was coming? (planetary.org/blogs)

#### Twitter



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#### @metropicks asked:

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You may have moves like Jagger, but when it comes to your driving style, who is your celebrity match?

Despite Canada's reputation as a modest nation, a global survey for Kijiji reveals that when it comes to cars, Canadian drivers value style over substance. In fact, as you'll see, there may be more "Beliebers" on our roads than ones saying "hit me baby one more time." **METRO**

### Image Seekers (27 per cent)

**Key values**  
Brand, design and style are most important.

**Global average**  
23 per cent.

#### Celebrity Match

Justin Bieber — his Ferrari F430 is rumoured to be as important to him as his hair.



### Efficiency Seekers (22 per cent)

**Key values**  
Brand is less of a priority, but reliability, efficiency, and running costs matter.

**Global average**  
22 per cent.

#### Celebrity Match

Leonardo DiCaprio — he loves hybrids as much as he loves Victoria's Secret models.



### Performance Seekers (17 per cent)

**Key values**  
Handling and power are high up on the list of priorities.

**Global average**  
17 per cent.

#### Celebrity Match

Jay Leno — he spends as much time shining his muscle cars or at the race tracks as he does prepping his monologues.



### Necessity Drivers (19 per cent)

#### Key values

Say a car is just a tool to get from A to B; most likely to drive a silver or grey Chevy/Toyota/Chrysler.

**Global average**  
17 per cent.

#### Celebrity Match

James Franco — whether it's luxury or not, he just needs his car to get to his next class.



### Risk Takers (five per cent)

#### Key values

Parks carelessly, more likely to drink and drive.

**Global average**  
11 per cent.

#### Celebrity Match

Lindsay Lohan — do we really need to elaborate?



### Accident Prone (five per cent)

#### Key values

Despite less obvious risk taking they are still prone to accidents.

**Global average**  
Six per cent.

#### Celebrity Match

Britney Spears — though she hasn't run over a Police officer's foot or hit a paparazzo lately.

### Cautious Drivers (five per cent)

#### Key values

Rarely has accidents or damages their car.

**Global average**  
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#### Celebrity Match

Betty White — her driving record is as golden as her television career.



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## The Word

### Why Tom Hanks can't get down to fighting weight

MELINDA TAUB

Metro World News

Get back, cookies. You leave our Tom Hanks alone.

The beloved star, whose film Captain Phillips comes out this week, revealed last night on the Late Show that he has Type 2 diabetes.

"I went to the doctor and she said, 'You know those high blood-sugar numbers you've been dealing with since you were 36? Well, you've graduated,'" he said to David Letterman. "'You've got Type 2 diabetes, young

man.'" Hanks said his doctor did offer him an escape strategy. "She said, 'Look, if you can weigh as much as you did in high school, you will essentially be completely healthy, you will not have Type 2 diabetes.' And I said to her, 'Well, I'm going to have Type 2 diabetes.' Because there is no way I can weigh as much as I did in high school."

Come on. Tom looks like he's already in pretty good shape. He can make it. How much did he weigh in high school? "I weighed 96 pounds in high school," he claims. "And most of that was that big, wide afro."



### Kate's kid dreams of a neon-green wedding

Kate Hudson and fiancé Matt Bellamy have been engaged for more than two years but have yet to set a wedding date — which is apparently a problem for Hudson's older son, nine-year-old Ryder, who has been applying "a little bit" of pressure on the actress to walk down the aisle.

"I think he looks forward to more the party than the actual idea of us getting married. He apparently wants to wear a neon green tux," Hudson tells Ellen DeGeneres during an interview. "He loves neon green. He wants to wear neon green with black. That's pretty cool. He's a bit of a fashion boy."



Kate Hudson

### If Miley wants Liam back, she'd better make nice with the sister-in-law

Apparently another woman played a major role in the break-up of Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth, but it wasn't another girlfriend. According to Radar Online, Hemsworth's sister-in-law, Elsa Pataky, "is no fan of Miley" and urged him to break off their engagement.

"Elsa is totally against Miley and Liam getting back together. She spent the last year freezing Miley out in some kind of passive-aggressive move," a source says. "Miley desperately wants to get back



Miley Cyrus

with Liam and believes she can because she's done it before.

But to do that, she's going to have to win over Elsa."

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Headed to Mexico this winter? Want to go surfing? Hidden away on the Pacific Coast, the town of Puerto Escondido is generating buzz thanks to a starring role in HGTV's season premiere of *Live Here, Buy This!* The draw? The Mexican Pipeline, an unforgiving wave that attracts an international surfing crowd. Travel writer Michele Peterson created an app offering an insider's guide to Mexico's Surf City. Here are a few excerpts.



### Cafes & quick bites: Osa Mariposa

This hip hostel, just two blocks from the beach, appeals to backpackers and surfers. Choose from private bungalows or shared dormitories (four to a room). The clean and spacious bathrooms are superior to many others in this price range. The on-site restaurant offers a menu of tasty veggie and vegan options. Don't miss the black bean veggie burgers. Mescal and tequila figure highly at the bar. The website has a helpful map. You'll need it to find the place: [osamariposa.com](http://osamariposa.com).



### Adventure/culture: Oasis Surf and Language School

Even your pre-schooler can take Spanish classes at this professional language school located in the Rinconada neighbourhood. The school offers beginner, intermediate and advanced classes as well as specialized medical Spanish for health-care professionals. A full slate of cultural activities is available, including a learn-to-surf program. The school can also arrange volunteer experiences if you'd like to give back to the community and practise your new lingo at the same time. Visit [oasislanguageschool.com](http://oasislanguageschool.com). A five-day week of one-and-a-half-hour language classes costs about \$75 US. Surfing classes cost around \$35 US per class, with discounts on packages.

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## Hot spots in Puerto Escondido



### Natural attractions: Zicatela Beach

The main strip flanking Calle del Morro is packed with surf shops, restaurants, cafés, hotels and booming nightclubs. If you long to feel the sand between your toes, the wide beach is dotted with loungers, Bali beds and hammocks — all free to use with the purchase of a consumo (drink or snack). This is where the epic Mexican Pipeline wave breaks, so the main draw is surfing, but you can also take yoga classes, have a massage or book an excursion all within a few block radius. Strong surf and undertow makes this beach dangerous for swimmers. The red flag is always flying but depending on the tides, it's possible to find a shallow tidal pool and splash about like a duckling.



### Lodging: Aqua Luna Hotel

This sleek, minimalist boutique hotel owned by an Aussie long boarder and his Mexican wife, offers a sophisticated escape in 16 rooms at wallet-friendly prices ranging from \$25-\$70 per night or \$700 monthly for kitchenette rooms. The pearl-white walls, violet-hued swimming pool and adults-only policy creates a sensual Miami SoBe retreat, conveniently perched above Zicatela, the hippest beach with the most wave action. [hotelaquiluna.com](http://hotelaquiluna.com).



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**ON THE MOVE**  
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The exploding popularity of river cruising is hardly surprising.

The most endearing quality of a river cruise is the intimacy it offers. A standard ship has capacity for 150 to 200 guests versus an ocean liner, which typically has 1,000-plus guests onboard. This allows you to get to know your travelling companions and removes the annoyance of having to stand in long lines to embark, disembark or simply enjoy a meal. River cruising also provides easy access to the destinations. At most stops you can wander into town from the dock or hop a short coach ride to a city centre. The distances between stops are typically much shorter than a standard cruise, allowing



River cruising is taking off around the world. ISTOCK

for the possibility of one to two stops per day and never having to spend a long day at sea. Although the most popular routes are in Europe, there are sailings available in countries as diverse as China, Russia and Vietnam.

There are various companies in the market, all trying to differentiate themselves with different offerings. At the top end is Scenic Tours. They appear to be on the pricey end but bear in mind they are the only true all-inclusive

river cruise company. They include everything in their prices from alcohol, to guided tours and special experiences, such as a private concert of Mozart and Strauss' music in Vienna's Palais Liechtenstein. The other big players are Uniworld, AMA, Viking and Avalon. Emerald Waterways is the latest company to ply the rivers. It is a four-star product with fewer services and a lower price point, all aimed at attracting a younger demographic.

# The Walking Dead bring life to tiny town

## Grateful Grantville. Visitors flocking to town to see spooky sets from season three

When the cotton mill closed, the rural Georgia town of Grantville began a slow transformation into a ghost town. Residents fled. Storefronts faded. Buildings decayed.

Over the decades, time turned the remains of the town into something almost post-apocalyptic, the perfect modern-day set for humans and "walkers" to attack one another. That's how the hugely popular TV show The Walking Dead ended up coming to town and bringing new life to Grantville.

Several key scenes in one episode from the AMC series were filmed on and near a one-block stretch of antique buildings on Grantville's Main Street.

The series' fourth season premieres on Oct. 13. Crews have been filming the new episodes in Georgia, but they keep locations of future episodes closely guarded secrets until the shows air.

In Grantville, the town's ruins were featured prominently last season. Bodies of walkers slain on the show were buried in a vacant lot beneath the brick archway remaining from a cotton mill building. Gunshots were fired from a nearby rooftop.

And child actor Chandler Riggs, who plays Carl Grimes on the show, entertained himself between scenes by placing pennies on the railroad tracks, the coins soon smashed into souvenirs by passing freight trains.

Now, every Saturday, visitors from around the country and the world turn off Interstate 85 and onto a two-lane highway that leads to the tiny town 80 kilometres southwest of Atlanta.

### Draw of the Dead

Other productions have taken place in Grantville, but none have drawn the visitors like The Walking Dead. "Nobody came after they filmed Lawless and Broken Bridges here," says Mayor Jim Sells. "But once this episode aired from The Walking Dead, people started showing up from all over."

Since last summer, more than 3,600 visitors have taken a free tour led by Grantville Mayor Jim Sells, who explains where each scene from the AMC episode — during which the character Morgan makes it his mission to "clear" walkers by killing them — was filmed.

Visitors have come from as far as Australia, Singapore and Brazil, rejuvenating the town through tourism.

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# CHOOSING THE RIGHT DOG WALKER

If finding time to walk the dog is a challenge some days, a dog walker could be just the solution.

"Dog walkers ensure your pet gets exercise, but it's also a great way for your dog to have an opportunity to play and socialize with other dogs," says professional dog walker Colin Ng, owner of Belly Rubs Pet Care in Toronto.

How do you choose the right person to walk your pooch? Ng recommends these helpful tips for hiring a dog walker.

**1** Ask friends and other dog owners you know for referrals. "You know they're reliable and they're good dog walkers."

**2** Interview your dog walker with your dog. "It's important to see how they interact together."

**3** Discuss specifics in the interview about how the dog walker would handle certain situations. "You want to know how your dog walker would react if the dog was lost or hurt, whether they do ongoing training with the dogs, how they handle dog behaviours and who walks the dogs in their absence."

**4** Find out how long they have been in business. "Beware of fly-by-nights. It's easy to start up a dog walking business, but it's not for everyone. As soon as the bad weather starts, they disappear." Also check that the dog walker is bonded and insured.

**5** Find out how many dogs your dog walker is walking at a time. "Groups should be small enough for the walker to handle. Most municipalities also limit the number." Also, ask about how dogs are grouped together. "You want your dog grouped with dogs that she will play well with."

**6** Ask for two or three references and be sure to call them and find out what they have to say about their experiences. "Ask if the dog appears happy upon return from her walks, if she's appropriately tired after the walk and if the walker is reliable."

Once you make a decision, be sure that your dog walker always has up-to-date contact information to reach you in an emergency, as well as your vet's contact information.



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## INTRODUCING ANOTHER CAT TO YOUR HOME

Thinking of a second cat? Maybe you are feeling that your feline needs a friend — but be warned. Cats are naturally territorial and may see the interloper as a foe.

"Unlike dogs, cats' social behaviour has evolved to keep other cats at a distance,"

says Dorothy Litwin of Animal Behaviour Services Canada.

If you want to add another cat to your family, follow these suggestions from Litwin.

Start by keeping the cats apart. Set up a "safe room" for the new cat (with food, water, a litter box, bedding, toys, etc.).

Each day, rub a clean sock on each cat near the corners of the mouth to collect scent from the glands in this area, then swap the socks. Continue this until there

are no negative reactions.

Make the area around the "safe room" door the place where all the fun happens. Feed each cat meals and treats one or two metres away from the door on their individual sides, and gradually move the bowls closer little by little. Play and groom them close to the door, too. When the new cat is eager to start exploring, carefully switch up the cats between their areas once daily.

Most important, take things very slow to avoid setbacks.

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# Thai take on Butternut Squash soup

1. In a stock or large soup pot over medium-low, heat the oil. Add the onions, garlic and salt and cook until the onions have softened, about 10 minutes. Stir in the ginger and curry paste and cook for a minute or two more. Add the squash and water and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer until the squash is tender, 15 to 20 minutes.

2. While the squash is cooking, zest and juice the lime. Add about a teaspoon of the zest and 1 tablespoon of the juice to the pot (reserving the extra). When the squash is tender, stir in the coconut milk.

3. Transfer soup to a blender or food processor, then purée until smooth. Be careful when blending hot liquids.

4. Return all of the soup to the pot and reheat. Taste and adjust the flavour as you wish with spoonful of sugar, if desired, as well as additional lime juice and/or curry paste. Stir in the spinach and cilantro and heat until just wilted. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ (RECIPE ADAPTED FROM THE MOOSEWOOD COLLECTIVE'S MOOSEWOOD RESTAURANT FAVOURITES, 2013, ST. MARTIN'S GRIFFIN)**

## Ingredients

- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 cups chopped yellow onions
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tbsp peeled and grated fresh ginger
- 1 tsp Thai red curry paste, or more to taste
- 2 1/2-lb butternut squash, peeled, seeded and chopped
- (about 6 cups)
- 3 cups water
- 1 lime
- 1 cup unsweetened coconut milk
- Sugar
- 2 cups baby spinach, cut into chiffonade
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro (optional)



This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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### \*Thyme Syrup

- 7-8 sprigs of fresh thyme
- 480 ml (16 oz) water
- 480 ml (16 oz) white sugar

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# Celebs return to class to keep dropouts in school



Swizz Beatz works with at-risk students in Dream School, a new Sundance Channel documentary series.

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**Television.** A six-part show brings boldface names such as Suze Orman, Oliver Stone and Swizz Beatz in to teach at-risk students

**ALISON BOWEN**  
Metro World News in New York

Students have started a new school year, and one of educators' biggest challenges is keeping them there — and hopefully funnelling them toward college.

A new documentary series, the Sundance Channel's Dream School, highlights what is being called a dropout crisis. The six-part series premiered Monday night and follows students as they learn from an array of celebrities, from musician and producer Swizz Beatz to financial guru Suze Orman and director Oliver Stone.

The 15 Los Angeles students, all ages 17 to 18 — a pivotal age at which students traditionally decide to drop out or stay in school — were either expelled or had dropped out, and each professor tries to spark their interest.

We spoke with Steven Keller, a California superintendent involved with the series, about how the students re-

acted to their unusual educational atmosphere.

## What are some of the challenges of keeping kids in school?

First of all, family engagement. Moms, dads, uncles, aunts, grandmothers, grandfathers need to hunker down with their family members and engage their family members. As a family and as a country, we need to take ownership of each and every kid to really push them and motivate them to get to school each day and check in on

## Signs to look for

### What are some of the symptoms of someone who might be at risk of dropping out?

- "A lot of people look at traditional data," says Stephen Keller, a California school superintendent involved with Dream School. "On the other hand, we look at other factors. We look into attendance. We actually look at social emotional assessment with kids, to find out how engaged they are at school. ... Those indicators tell you a lot."

them when they get home from school, make sure they have some accountability when the kids get home, whether a potential dropout or not.

The second piece, of course, is funding. There needs to be more funding specifically for kids that are earmarked as potential dropouts. We as educators need to look at restructuring and reforming how we serve this population. And then the last piece is, we as educators need to assess what works and what doesn't work and adjust and make changes and reflect on our practice.

## Did anything surprise you in making this documentary?

I think the celebrity teachers genuinely wanted to connect with the kids. All of them really do. They were nervous, even scared. They would constantly ask for feedback. I'm not saying they all performed brilliantly, I'm just saying they all took their craft seriously. ... No one showed up thinking they were going to wing it.

## What different types of styles did students respond to?

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"Many people are interested in creating safe, welcoming, and inclusive spaces; they just need the education, the tools, and sometimes a trail-blazer or an ally — that's you!" Erin Ewing

Positive Space is based solely on self-identification.

Erin Ewing is the project coordinator at the Positive Spaces Initiative (PSI), a project started in 2008 by the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants to support LGBTQ newcomers to Canada.

While there's more to it than a quick list, Ewing identified three top reasons why employers should self-identify as Positive Spaces and commit to creating the atmosphere and attitude invoked by the designation.

#### You'll be working in a welcoming environment

Ewing suggested asking yourself these questions: "Do I want to feel safe, included, and welcome, and to be able to access services with dignity and respect? Do I want to be able to go to work without having to hide part of who I am, or live

in fear and shame?"

If you answered yes to any of these questions, it seems obvious that you'll want to look for an employer that supports who you are.

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"If a job requires relocation, then it is important to note that sometimes a person's gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation can affect what kinds of services they need. For example, finding housing in a neighbourhood where they will not be beat up or evicted for being gay, or finding a doctor who understands the medical issues around transitioning to a different sex," Ewing said.

#### A workplace that doesn't accept the LGBTQ community can be an unproductive one

"If you're being harassed and bullied at work, hear homophobic/transphobic insults all day, or expending a lot of energy trying to hide your partner's gender or your family structure from casual enquiries, how productive can you really be?" Ewing said.

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# Interrogation differentiation: Who's turning up at the interview table?

**A room with a 'view.**  
Five types of tough interviewers and how to handle each

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Walking into an interview is not the most relaxing activity out there.

This is partly because interviews come with many unknowns.

What questions will an interviewer ask? What skills should you focus on? How long will the interview be?

One of the biggest unknowns when going into an interview is: What will the interviewer be like?

An interviewer's personality can be a hard thing to predict until you actually come face to face in the interview. To help you be savvy to the types of interviewers you might see as a student or new grad on the job hunt, here are a few dominant interviewer personality types and how to adjust successfully to them on the spot.

## Rambling

A rambler is an interviewer who is chatty, friendly and outgoing.

Though this behaviour may be a relief when you first start the interview, try not to let your guard down too much.

In order to ensure that you're able to communicate the information that matters (skills, experience and so on), you'll need to single out the rel-

evant aspects of the discussion and answer each question concisely and skillfully.

## Shy

Usually it's the interviewee who feels shy, but interviewers can be a ball of nerves as well.

If you encounter a shy interviewer, the main thing is to understand that this is just their personality — not that you're performing poorly. Shy interviewers can be hard to read, difficult to create a conversation with and may wrap up the entire thing quickly.

The smart thing to do in this situation is to pick up on their personality type right away so you don't panic. To ease the atmosphere, try to be friendly, put them at ease and end in a positive way with a handshake.

## Harsh

The great thing about this type of interviewer personality is that you'll recognize it the moment you walk in the door, which gives you more time to adjust successfully.

With questions being fired rapidly, an edgy tone and intimidating body language, it can be easy to unravel on the spot. The key to magnificently performing with a harsh interviewer is to keep your composure.

Take your time to answer each question, speak in a calm and paced manner and minimize small talk.

## Inexperienced

Shaky hands, questions that don't flow together, quick exits and awkward conversations are all signs of an inexperienced or unprepared interviewer.

As the interviewee this can be surprising, but the key to having a stellar interview with an inexperienced interviewer is not being thrown off track. With this

type of interviewer, you need to be sure that even though they might not be addressing questions that allow you to showcase your information, you do it yourself.

Keep to your key points of discussion, relate them back to the position at hand in plain language and treat the interviewer professionally in order to keep things

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# Tigers get breaks to stay alive vs. A's

**MLB.** Disputed homer goes in Detroit faithful's favour in ALDS do-or-die

On a night of desperation, dispute and, finally, delirium, Max Scherzer and the Detroit Tigers kept their season alive by the slimmest of margins.

A tying home run, helped along by a couple of fans in right field.

A full-count pitch with the bases loaded that was low and inside but became strike three when the batter swung.

A line drive down the line with the bases still full — foul by a few feet.

During a relief outing to remember, Scherzer escaped a major jam one inning after two fans reached out to try to reel in Victor Martinez's disputed home run, and the Tigers rallied past the Oakland Athletics 8-6 on Tuesday to force a decisive fifth game in their AL division series.

Scherzer was in line to start Game 5, but the 21-game winner came on Tuesday instead for his first relief appearance since the 2011 post-season. He wriggled out of a bases-loaded, none-out jam in the eighth inning and got the win.

"We took our best shot and we had to because we were

Game 4	
8	6
Tigers	Athletics

behind the 8-ball a little bit," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said.

The Tigers can now send Justin Verlander to the mound Thursday night in Oakland. Verlander shut out the A's in Game 5 of the division series last year.

Oakland hasn't announced a starter for Thursday.

Playing catch-up most of the way in Game 4, the Tigers tied it first with Jhonny Peralta's three-run homer in the fifth and then on Martinez's solo shot in the seventh. A couple of fans attempted to catch Martinez's drive, and at least one of them bobbled the ball as he reached over the railing above the wall.

That prevented right-fielder Josh Reddick from having any chance at a leaping grab. Reddick and centre-fielder Coco Crisp immediately protested, pointing up at the stands in the hope of a fan-interference call. But umpires upheld the home run after a replay review.

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Tigers designated hitter Victor Martinez looks skyward after hitting a solo home run in the seventh inning of Game 4 of the ALDS against the Oakland A's on Tuesday night in Detroit. LON HORWEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## NHL

### Avs' perfect start continues in T.O.

The Maple Leafs were unable to keep pace with the surging Colorado Avalanche, reducing the list of NHL unbeaten teams by one.

P.A. Parenteau scored early in the third period to help the Avs edge Toronto 2-1 on Tuesday night. Cory Sarich also scored for Colorado (3-0-0), which got another terrific start from Semyon Varlamov in net.

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## Sandusky scandal

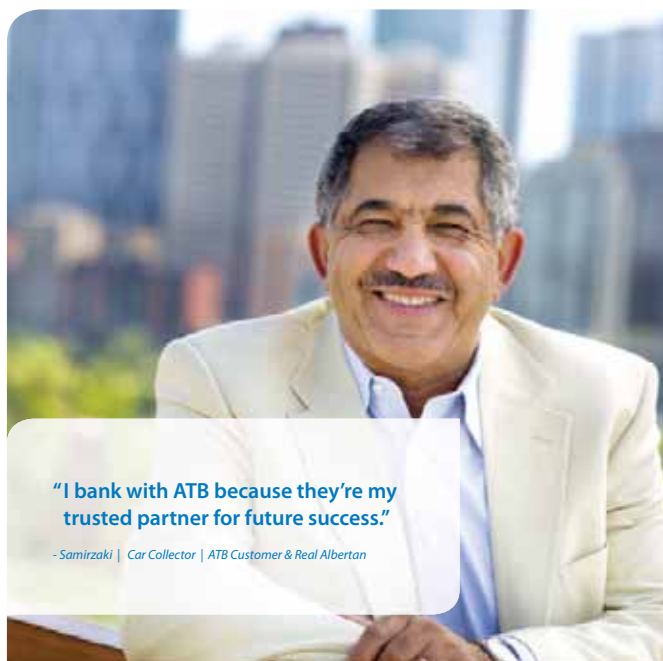
### Penn State settles with abuse victims

At least 19 young men have settled with Penn State over assertions of abuse by former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky, according to lawyers for the claimants.

Many, if not all of them, have received cheques from the university, the attorneys said over the past two days. The school has set aside some \$60 million to pay claims, though several lawyers say the settlements prevent them from disclosing details, including the amounts their clients were paid.

Sandusky, 69, the school's longtime assistant football coach under Joe Paterno, is serving 30 to 60 years in prison for sexually abusing 10 boys over 15 years.

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Sean Monahan, a 19-year-old rookie, has been productive for the Flames so far, but could be sent back to the OHL come Oct. 24. **BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES**

# Rookie Monahan belongs in NHL



**THE HOCKEY NEWS**  
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Two weeks from today, the Flames will have played nine NHL games. And Calgary headlines and blog posts will be filled with speculation on what's going to happen with 19-year-old Sean Monahan before that 10th game, Oct. 24.

More and more, it's looking like Monahan will stay. And more and more, I'm starting to see that as the best course of action for his development.

The magical nine-game barrier is seen as do-or-die day when actually it's just a cut-off for accounting purposes and when a player's contract kicks in. If Monahan stays in the NHL 10-plus games this season, he becomes an RFA in 2016. If he's returned to the Ontario League before 10 games, the team has until

2017 to re-sign him. Either way, assuming he becomes an important player, he'll be up for a big raise and the Flames aren't going to nickel-and-dime him anyway with a bridge contract.

Buffalo kept Mikhail Grigorenko for 25 games and New Jersey kept Stefan Matteau for 17 games last season before returning them to the QMJHL.

It wouldn't surprise me if the Flames kept Monahan for 25 to 30 games, then loaned him to the Canadian team for the world juniors, then made a decision on him in January — keep him or let him play for a Memorial Cup if his junior rights are traded.

The important thing is Monahan is playing well now, learning and adjusting to the NHL game and producing. He's averaging 13 minutes a game and I expect that will ramp up to 15-plus if he's stays.

Is there a chance this course of action could ruin his offensive development versus the alternative of posting big numbers in the OHL? First-year fast-trackers Sean Couturier, Alexander Burmistrov and Nino Niederreiter have seen their development flatten in the seasons since making the grade. That's worth considering.

Working in Monahan's favour is the fact he was one of the oldest players drafted in 2013. Had he been born a month earlier, he would have been an early pick in last year's draft and 2012-13 with the Ottawa 67's would have been his draft plus-one season anyway. He's also spent three full seasons with the 67's, making them as a 15-year-old.

One thing is clear though. The more he plays, the more he endears himself to the team, the fans, the city. He'd be dearly missed not being in the Flames lineup.

## CFL awards

### Stamps' Cornish rushes to a pair of league honours

Calgary Stampeders running back Jon Cornish picked up a pair of CFL honours Tuesday for his dominant performance in a win over Winnipeg last week.

Cornish was named offensive player of the week and top Canadian after recording a season-high 208 rushing yards in the 38-11 victory. The New Westminster, B.C., native also had two touchdowns and 24 receiving yards.

Montreal Alouettes defensive back Jerald Brown was named defensive player of the week. He had three tackles and two interceptions in Montreal's 47-24 road win over Edmonton.

The special-teams player of the week honour went to Winnipeg kick returner Will Ford.

He returned four kicks for 148 yards in the loss to Calgary, including a 100-yard touchdown return.

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## NHL

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

#### ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Toronto	4	3	1	0	13	10	6
Boston	2	2	0	0	7	2	4
Tampa Bay	3	2	1	0	7	7	4
Detroit	3	2	1	0	6	7	4
Ottawa	2	1	0	1	5	5	3
Montreal	2	1	1	0	7	5	2
Florida	3	1	2	0	5	11	2
Buffalo	4	0	3	1	4	10	1

#### METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	3	3	0	0	12	3	6
N.Y. Islanders	3	2	0	1	12	7	5
Carolina	3	1	1	1	6	9	3
Columbus	2	1	1	0	6	6	2
N.Y. Rangers	2	1	1	0	4	5	2
Washington	3	1	2	0	10	12	2
New Jersey	3	0	1	2	7	12	2
Philadelphia	4	1	3	0	5	10	2

#### Tuesday's results

Colorado 2 Toronto 1  
Nashville 3 Minnesota 2  
N.Y. Islanders 6 Phoenix 1  
Philadelphia 2 Florida 1  
Pittsburgh 5 Carolina 2  
Tampa Bay 3 Buffalo 2 (OT)  
New Jersey at Vancouver

## MLB PLAYOFFS

### A.L. DIVISION SERIES

(Best-of-5; x — played only if necessary)

**BOSTON (1) VS. TAMPA BAY (6)**

(Boston leads series 2-1)

#### Tuesday's result

Boston at Tampa Bay

#### Monday's result

Tampa Bay 5 Boston 4

#### Thursday's game

x-Tampa Bay (Moore 17-4) at Boston (Lester 15-8), 5:37 p.m.

### OAKLAND (2) VS. DETROIT (3)

(Series tied 2-2)

#### Tuesday's result

Detroit 8 Oakland 6

#### Monday's result

Oakland 6 Detroit 3

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Colorado	3	3	0	0	11	3	6
St. Louis	2	2	0	0	11	2	4
Winnipeg	3	2	1	0	12	10	4
Chicago	2	1	0	1	8	7	3
Dallas	2	1	1	0	4	5	2
Nashville	3	1	2	0	6	9	2
Minnesota	3	0	1	2	7	10	2

#### PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	2	2	0	0	8	2	4
Vancouver	3	2	1	0	12	10	4
Anaheim	3	2	1	0	8	11	4
Calgary	3	1	0	2	12	13	4
Los Angeles	3	1	2	0	7	10	2
Edmonton	3	1	2	0	11	15	2
Phoenix	3	1	2	0	6	11	2

**Note:** Two points for a win, one point for an overtime/shootout loss.

#### N.Y. Rangers at San Jose

#### Monday's results

Edmonton 5 New Jersey 4 (SO)

N.Y. Rangers 3 Los Angeles 1

#### Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern

Montreal at Calgary, 8 p.m.

Chicago at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

Ottawa at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

#### Thursday's game

Detroit (Scherzer 21-3) at Oakland (Colon 18-6), 9:07 p.m.

### N.L. DIVISION SERIES

**ST. LOUIS (1) VS. PITTSBURGH (4)**

(Series tied 2-2)

#### Monday's result

St. Louis 2 Pittsburgh 1

#### Wednesday's game

Pittsburgh (Burnett 10-11) at St. Louis (Wainwright 19-9), 5:07 p.m.

### ATLANTA (2) VS. L.A. DODGERS (3)

(Los Angeles Dodgers wins series 3-1)

#### Monday's result

Los Angeles Dodgers 4 Atlanta 3

## CFL

### WEEK 16

#### EAST

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
x-Toronto	14	9	5	0	407	370	18
x-Hamilton	14	7	7	0	360	383	14
Montreal	14	6	8	0	349	385	12
Winnipeg	14	2	12	0	279	459	4

#### WEST

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
x-Calgary	14	11	3	0	446	323	22
x-Saskatchewan	14	9	5	0	419	316	18
x-B.C.	14	9	5	0	395	350	18
Edmonton	14	3	11	0	340	409	6

x — clinched playoff berth.

**Friday's game — All Times Eastern**

B.C. at Calgary, 9 p.m.

#### Saturday's game

Edmonton at Saskatchewan, 4:30 p.m.

#### Monday, Oct. 14

Winnipeg at Montreal, 1 p.m.

Toronto vs. Hamilton (at Guelph), 4:30 p.m.

## NFL

### WEEK SIX

#### Thursday's game — All Times Eastern

N.Y. Giants at Chicago, 8:25 p.m.

#### Sunday's games

Detroit at Cleveland, 1 p.m.

Green Bay at Baltimore, 1 p.m.

St. Louis at Houston, 1 p.m.

Cincinnati at Buffalo, 1 p.m.

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.

Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.

Carolina at Minnesota, 1 p.m.

Oakland at Kansas City, 1 p.m.

Tennessee at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.

Jacksonville at Denver, 4:05 p.m.

New Orleans at New England, 4:25 p.m.

Arizona at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.

Washington at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

#### Monday, Oct. 14

Indianapolis at San Diego, 8:40 p.m.

## MLS

#### Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern

Kansas City at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Vancouver at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Colorado at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

#### Saturday's games

New England at Montreal, 2:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at D.C., 7 p.m.

Chicago at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

**Sunday's game — Seattle at Portland, 9 p.m.**

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# The 2013 Acura TL

**Review.** Acura's top sport sedan is looking great and getting old gracefully

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The fourth-generation Acura TL launched for model-year 2009, and is due to be replaced any time by a new, fifth-generation machine. It's far from the freshest or newest model in its segment — but the current Acura TL is one of the most established.

That's thanks in no small part to its delivery of performance, technology and everyday sensibility alongside two things premium shoppers love: an honest price tag, and a promise of reliable, no-nonsense ownership thanks to Acura's gleaming reputation for reliability.

The gist? The TL is getting old these days, but it remains a staple product in its segment that's well-deserving of a test-drive. The looks might still be controversial, but the TL remains a great machine to drive, and a car special to the Acura brand. The current-generation TL put Super Handling All Wheel Drive (SH-AWD) technology into the mainstream luxury sedan market. And, though it was late to the game, it pushed Acura sedans past the 300-horsepower mark at long last.

All of this exists in a highly-usable package. There's generous room for four adults, plenty of at-hand storage, and a great looking, three-dimensional look to the instrument cluster, dashboard and controls. In all, you get unique styling that very much does its own thing while creating a distinctively upscale, techy atmosphere. Proper cup-

holders, deep door bins and a sense of always having a place for your stuff help round out the package.

Key competitors include the BMW 5-Series, Audi A6 and Infiniti G37. Though not pack-leading where output is concerned, the big V6 is very pleasing to listen to and really piles on the juice at high revs as the VTEC power-cam kicks in. The six-speed automatic works well with the engine for smoothness and response, supporting a sporty but very refined character.

The SH-AWD system, as noted on numerous other test-drives, has benefits which are two-fold. First, on slippery stuff, it finds surprising levels of traction — using sophisticated computer controls and fast-acting magnetic clutch packs to extract the most forward momentum from the ground beneath. Second, when drivers push the TL's limits a little, the system "overdrives" the inside rear wheel, which slightly slides the tail out and points the nose inwards in a sort of mini-drift. Translation? You get playful agility and locked-on confidence, depending on what your right foot is up to on the surface in question.

That's all directed by a heavysset steering system that confidently transmits a sense of agility and playfulness to the driver, too. End of the day, few sedans are this all-out confident and discreetly entertaining when pushed hard.

Powerful and fairly communicative brakes back up the performance capabilities — and when you're on a relaxing drive, wind and road noise levels are kept adequately in check, as is fuel consumption. This engine might not have all the latest fuel-saving gadgets, but I still averaged under 10 litres per 100 km over the



ALL PHOTOS JUSTIN PRITCHARD

## 2013 Acura TL

- **Fuel economy.** 9.9L /100km
- **Engines (hp).** 3.7L V6, 305 horsepower, VTEC.
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination)** (TL SH-AWD Elite) \$49,450

## Key strengths

This isn't a machine that begs for attention, but rather focuses on sensibility and a quiet, confident demeanor. And, though high-tech and sporty, the TL is easy to drive, easy to learn and requires nothing of the driver when they'd prefer to relax and enjoy a peaceful drive.

## Key complaints

Simply, it's getting old. The navigation and infotainment read-outs are due for an overhaul, and so are many of the controls and interfaces on board. More power would help the TL earn the dollars of driving enthusiasts, and the lack of folding rear seats limits cargo carrying capacity.

course of a week.

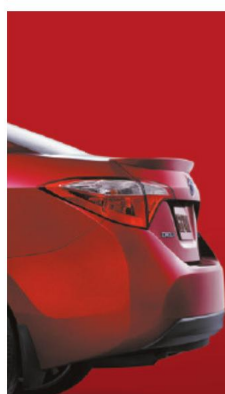
Other notes? The xenon projector lights are fantastic, and the big doors and big comfy seats make this an easy car to get in and out of, even many times per day. Finally, blind-spot monitoring and a slew of fully-automatic or voice-commanded features on the "Elite"

grade test model I drove added a sense of effortless relaxation on lengthy road trips.

Numerous competitors are more modern-looking, both inside and out. A comparable Audi or Lexus will boast a more striking cabin, and a comparable BMW or Mercedes will likely prove more all-out com-

fortable. The new TL has yet to be seen — but for the time being, shoppers after a car that's discreetly sporty, offers a proven reputation, delivers plenty of character and delivers a pleasing overall driving experience should add the current TL to their "to test drive" list.

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# Parts Department

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## Atlantic time

Other than designing and manufacturing his own line of clothing, fashion guru Ralph Lauren is known for his exquisite array of classic automobiles. One of his prized rides is the ultra-rare 1937 Bugatti Type 57 SC Atlantic Coupe, which served as an inspiration for the Ralph Lauren Automotive Watch. This 45-millimetre-diameter manual-winding timepiece features a steel case with a matte black dial encircled by inlaid burl elm (that has to be a first for any wristwatch) and a sapphire crystal case back. The watch is also water-resistant to a depth of 50 metres (164 feet) and sells for a healthy \$13,400 — about the same as the base price of a Nissan Versa Note. This beauty is available through a select number of dealers. For a complete list go to [ralphlaurenwatches.com](http://ralphlaurenwatches.com).



## Passing through in style

Planning on a road trip to the states? That might include a few highway or bridge tolls. Fortunately, the majority of these public toll operations offer electronic pass systems that make it quicker and easier for drivers to pay the fees. Tonic Concepts sells a variety of elegant cases that can contain all major transponder types. And each can be attached with your choice of a non-permanent dash-mount or with black 3M Velcro strips (for windshield mounting). Prices range from \$7.50 US to \$24.50 US per case with discounts offered for multiple case purchases. The full range of case designs can be viewed and purchased at [toniconcepts.com](http://toniconcepts.com).



## A little magic for metal

It's no secret that various bare-metal parts, such as brake rotors control arms and exhaust pipes, will eventually show signs of oxidation. That's right. Rust. Until recently, your only options were to either coat the part in some oil-based stuff or paint the item(s) in a shade that approximated the colour of metal. But a better solution is at hand with Rust Prevention Magic from ECS Automotive Products. This paste-like product can be applied using a paintbrush to any bare metal part that has been heated to 120F (49 C), which allows it to melt into the surface. After having been wiped dry, Rust Prevention Magic forms a barrier that prevents oxidation from forming. It's perfect for restoration projects where bare metal is the correct look. You can purchase an eight-ounce jar (240 millilitres) for \$35 US from [ecsautomotive.com](http://ecsautomotive.com).



## Small driver, fast job

Your usual variety of power and non-power screwdrivers will work just fine for most tasks, but they might be too large for those occasional micro-sized jobs. In those instances, even a super-small manual screwdriver could be awkward to use, not to mention horribly slow since products that use small screws tend to use lots of them. The Model 500 Cordless Precision Screwdriver from General Tools might be exactly what you need to save your fingertips. This mini-flashlight-sized, battery-powered and ergonomically designed device comes with eight different interchangeable slotted, Phillips and Torx bits and has forward and reverse modes. The Model 500 sells for \$30 US and can be purchased directly from the manufacturer at [generaltools.com/500](http://generaltools.com/500).



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# Hey Mr. Car Man, let's make a deal

**Driving force.** Autumn is a great time to take advantage of dealers that need to sell their new cars, so enjoy the wiggle room on price

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Along with colourful leaves and crisp weather, fall also brings the latest vehicles into the showrooms. It's often a good time to buy a new car, as dealers clear out their inventory of last year's models to make way for the new ones.

"Manufacturers want those new cars in the hands of consumers," says Ben Spatafora, national director for CarCostCanada. That means not only can you expect to find deals on the outgoing model-year vehicles, but automakers may even be using incentives and discounts to get those

## Clock's a tickin'

"The moment it hits the pavement, the clock starts to tick, and there's motivation for the seller to move it quicker rather than later."

Ben Spatafora, national director for CarCostCanada

incoming cars and trucks into consumers' driveways.

Almost all new-car dealerships are independently-owned franchises, and almost all purchase their inventory — those new cars, trucks and SUVs sitting on the lot — with a revolving line of credit, commonly known as a "floor plan."

Every day these vehicles sit unsold, they're racking up interest charges. And if the 2014 model isn't substantially changed from the 2013 version, and the MSRP (manufacturer's suggested retail price, the maximum the dealer can charge for the car) is close enough to that of the 2014, many buyers will choose the newer model year. The dealer doesn't want to get stuck with any unsold 2013 models, so you're in a good position to strike a deal on one.

While ordering a vehicle from the factory will allow you to get precisely the options and colour you want, you probably won't have as much opportunity to negotiate on the price, since it will only pass through the dealer's hands for delivery and licensing. You'll have a far better chance with one that's sitting in the dealer's inventory.

"All buyers will have some sort of 'wiggle room' on the price when the product is in stock," Spatafora says. "The moment it hits the pavement, the clock starts to tick, and there's motivation for the seller to move it quicker

rather than later."

Manufacturers' incentives on vehicles can include cash discounts, low- or zero-per cent interest rates on financing, or products such as winter tire packages, no-charge oil changes, or other maintenance services.

If you're thinking of replacing your vehicle because it's becoming unreliable or

no longer suits your family's needs, Spatafora suggests planning ahead, instead of having to scramble when your old one gives out. "If you think you'll need a new car in the spring, then start to look now," he says. "If you can time it with big incentives, model changes, or end-of-year or seasonal sales, that's a bonus."

## Take note potential buyers

### • Know your incentives.

Check the auto manufacturer's advertisements and websites before you go car shopping, so you know what incentives are being offered.

### • Know your payment method.

Vehicle incentives may be different if you're buying versus leasing, or paying cash versus financing, so be sure you know which one applies.



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# Get a new lease on life — just don't crash

**Autopilot.** Car rental is on the rise and properly regulated so here's some tips on mitigating your end-of-term wear and tear charges



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More automakers are offering leasing as a finance option, and more consumers are taking up their offers.

We won't go into which option — loans or leasing — makes more sense for you, because that's an economic or accounting class, and I've sworn off school ever since that wardrobe malfunction at the blackboard back in Grade 7.

Instead, let's take a minute or two to talk about the lease-end vehicle inspection.

They've had a history of being acrimonious, but things are better now.

Big, nationwide third-party providers now perform the inspections, and have been extensively schooled to be consistent. The inspections are also now almost always done while the lessee still has the vehicle, so he or she can address issues and/or negotiate charges before the final bill is produced.

Honda Canada, for example, will send out a letter notifying you that an inspection company will be contacting you around 45 days prior to lease end. The parties then arrange a suitable date and location for the inspection, which takes about 30 to 40 minutes.

"Lessees will receive a paper copy of their inspection immediately," says William Hope, Manager-Lease Maturity Centre, Honda Canada Finance.

"The inspection lists all exceptions but not estimated cost. ... The lessee is provided a website and can view their inspection online within 48 hours, in which all estimated charges will have been completed."



Leasing is popular again but be prepared for term-ending inspection. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

If you think you can get the exceptions fixed cheaper than Honda, go ahead and knock yourself out.

Of course, you can bypass this whole exercise by purchasing an excess wear and tear

protection plan. Depending on the value of the vehicle, these plans can run about \$500 to \$1,000. The Honda product is called Lease Guard Insurance.

Jim Mathews, president of LeaseBusters, thinks they are

"terrific" and highly recommends them. Not only do you not have to worry about extra charges, if you need to get out of the lease, and you engage a firm like LeaseBusters to find you a suitable person to take

over the lease, your vehicle is instantly more desirable than all the other lease vehicles trying to find new homes.

If you don't have such a plan and you're facing your inspection soon, Mathews says to be particularly aware of the following:

## Repair windshield chips.

If there is something not up to grade about the windshield, the leasing company will typically charge you for a complete replacement. If a crack or chip can be repaired, get it repaired.

## Measure tire tread depth.

Have your dealership or independent technician professionally measure the tread depth on the tires, to determine if they will pass or fail the allowances for acceptable tire wear. If they don't, replace them with a matching used set that does. And remember to make sure they confirm to the OEM's requirements for speed and load ratings. If you do anything less, they could theoretically ding you for a complete new set.

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# Wax on, wax off — as long as you don't forget to polish



Waxing your car regularly helps to preserve its shine. AUTOGLYM CANADA

**Car care.** Protecting your vehicle's finish is a three-step process

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Your vehicle's paint is very durable, but it can use the protection of a coat of wax. Before you put on the shine, though, you should prepare the surface to get the maximum benefit of the product you're using.

"People believe that you wash your car, and then you wax your car, but a key step in between is polish," says Dave Lambert, brand manager for Autoglym Canada. "It's a three-step process of wash, polish, and protect."

If it's possible, your car should be hand-washed, using a sponge or soft cloth, and a pH-neutral car wash product. Lambert says that many people believe that "swirl marks" in the finish are caused by over-enthusiastic waxing, but in reality, they're imperfections in the paint caused by car wash brushes.

Any rough surface can potentially cause marks in the paint, and you should always use a clean chamois or micro-

## Remember step 2

"People believe that you wash your car, and then you wax your car, but a key step in between is polish."

Dave Lambert, brand manager for Autoglym Canada

fibre towel specifically made for vehicles. Cotton bath towels or terry towels are too abrasive and shouldn't be used.

The second stage — applying polish — preps the clean surface for the final top coat of wax. Although your paint may look smooth, when seen under a microscope, it's more like a lunar landscape of hills and gullies, and it can appear dull when the light hits this uneven surface. The polish fills in these microscopic valleys, providing a smooth surface for the final top coat of wax.

There are many types of wax on the market, but Lambert says that a paste wax containing carnauba wax will last the longest. "A lot of people say they want 100 per cent carnauba wax, but in its pure form it's hard enough to scratch your paint," he says. "In a test tube, it actually rattles. Nothing is pure carnauba alone, and there will

## Facts and tips

• **Top wax.** Carnauba wax comes from a palm tree native to Brazil. It forms on the leaves, which are collected and dried, and then beaten to separate the wax from the plant.

• **Wash wise.** If you drop your sponge when washing your car, never use it until you've thoroughly rinsed it. If you don't, the dirt it picked up will scratch your paint.

• **Shade is best.** It's best to wash and wax your car in the shade, and when the paint surface is cool to the touch.

be other (ingredients) in there as well."

Several factors will affect how long your car stays shiny, including the weather and where you park, but Lambert says that a quality wax product, properly applied, should last five to six months. "We recommend once before the summer, and once in preparation for winter," he says. The car should be polished and waxed again if the shine starts to go away, or if water doesn't form round beads on the surface.

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## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 - April 20

It's not like you to be so trusting but you are determined to see the best in people and your faith in human nature, temporary though it may be, will be rewarded today.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You may have a pile of work to finish but shove it all to one side and worry about it at a later date. Most likely that "later" will never arrive and you'll be glad you did not waste time on trivia.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Wherever you go over the next 24 hours, people will greet you with open arms. Why are you suddenly so popular? Because of your sunny nature, of course, and because you are rarely judgmental.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You are getting obsessive about something and it's not healthy. It's unlikely you will just give up on it, so maybe you should indulge it — and get it out of your system.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You don't have to carry the world on your shoulders. Friends and colleagues will make life easier for you today, but they will only succeed if you meet them halfway.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You could easily spend lots of money and have nothing to show for it, so maybe you should leave your credit cards at home.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

People you meet today may not be very talkative but you will know exactly what they are thinking. If there is one thing you are good at, it is reading body language.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Scorpio is a sensitive sign and that sensitivity can be both a blessing and a curse. Which one it is today depends on how easily you let yourself be annoyed by petty events.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You'll need to employ a certain amount of critical thinking over the next 24 hours, especially when dealing with new ideas, as some people may find them a bit outrageous.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You're in a friendly mood and that's good because the more you smile and say nice things the more you'll get the kind of offers you like. What kind are they? The kind that pay lots of money!

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You will be impatient with people who get in your way today but hopefully not so impatient that you start a fight. Slow down, calm down and try not to take little things personally — they're not.

### Pisces

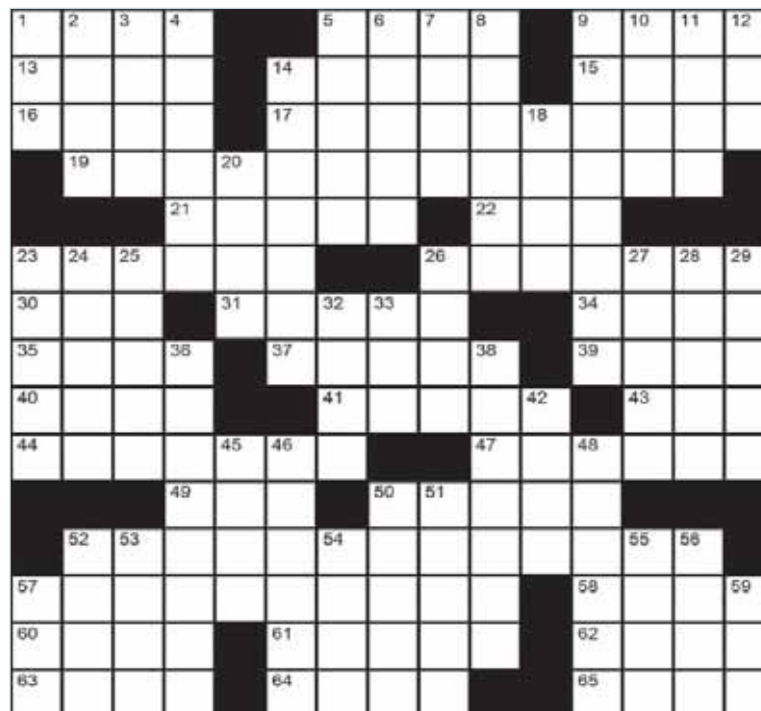
Feb. 20 - March 20

If you are confused about something then you must speak up, even though you don't like to admit to your ignorance in front of other people. The important thing is to get it right. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

1. Gordon Pinsent's actress daughter
5. French words?
9. Konvicted rapper
13. Inventor, Thomas Edison
14. Flashdance (1983) star Michael
15. Ms. Downey of Touched by an Angel
16. Gladiator's 554
17. Bit of Ramble On by Led Zeppelin: "The \_\_\_ lights my way."
19. Canadian actress who played Lily Munster: 3 wds.
21. Nova Scotia's Straight of \_\_\_
22. Provincial song: \_\_\_ to Newfoundland
23. Ornamental tree
26. Hip-Hop group, \_\_\_ Boys
30. Ohh's kin
31. Moderner
34. Salon shade
35. Rattling sound from the chest
37. Shave the sheep
39. Comic actor Mr. Green
40. \_\_\_ (British band)
41. Sarah McLachlan song
43. Mr. Gershwin
44. Caustic talk
47. Filet \_\_\_
49. "Let me think..."
50. John Hersey's bell town



52. Madonna's pre-concerts rituals: 2 wds.
57. Fluently-bilingual-person job title
58. Minstrel's instrument
60. \_\_\_ Kong
61. Comedian/actor Denis

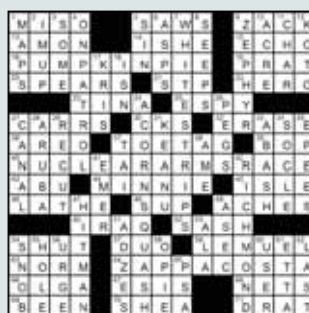
62. Russian river
  63. Border
  64. Leaky balloon sounds
  65. Tommy James & The Shondells tune, when repeated
- Down**
1. Chap

2. Jed Clampett's daughter, \_\_\_ May
3. Tel \_\_\_
4. Mayhems
5. Pouting grimaces
6. Perform better than
7. Genuine
8. Big lake in Ontario
9. Captain's chair

23. The Simpsons kid, and namesakes
24. Catherine of SCTV
25. Winnipeg Jet, e.g.
26. Talk big
27. Marketing link: 2 wds.
28. Short start?
29. Mr. Hawke
32. Brit pop duo!
33. Literary contraction
36. Toronto Stock \_\_\_
38. Take the plunge again
42. The Mod Squad character, \_\_\_ Hayes
45. Songstress Ms. Grant's
46. Uses one's nose
48. J.R.R. Tolkien character in the song at #17-Across
50. \_\_\_ a go-between (Mediate)
51. Gowns by designer Christian
52. Nudge
53. Called
54. Charlotte of TV, and others
55. Certain monetary unit
56. Saxophonist Mr. Getz
57. British band, when doubled
59. Cathedral city

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BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

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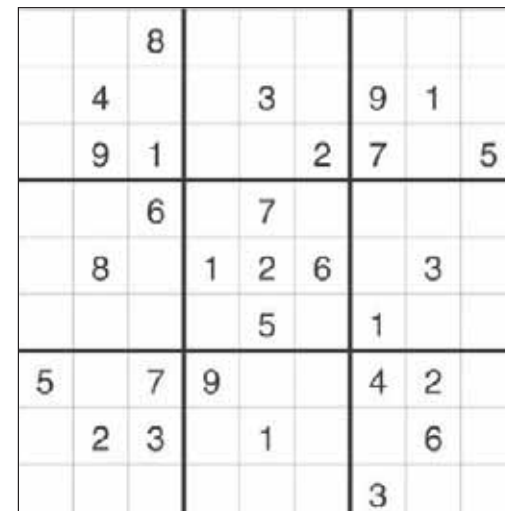


## Sudoku

### How to play

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## Yesterday's Sudoku



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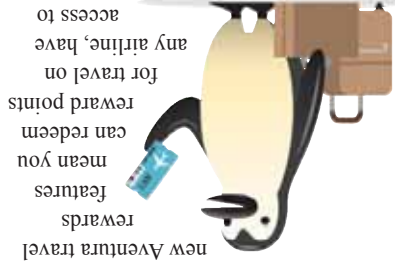
## TRAVEL WITH NO WORRIES

The enhanced CIBC Aventura travel rewards program has the ideal credit cards to use when travelling, due to the added benefits on the cards, such as insurance protection.

That protection is valuable to Canadians since travelling isn't always free of worries — a CIBC poll conducted by Harris/Decima reveals that 36 per cent of Canadians worry about getting sick or injured while on vacation, 18 per cent are concerned about losing their money or credit cards, and 12 per cent fret about overspending.

To make the most of your vacation, CIBC offers these tips:

- Contact your credit card company to let them know you will be travelling. Advance notice can help ensure that your charges go through promptly and you will have use of your card for your holiday.
- Keep your cards and cash secure and have a backup form of payment. Keep them in separate locations and write down important phone numbers separately in case you lose a credit or debit card.
- Access benefits on your credit card to help stretch your budget. For example, your credit card may have features such as discounts on car rentals.
- Book your trip with your credit card to take advantage of any insurance offered on your card, as well as to maximize points.



Canadians love receiving reward points for their purchases — who doesn't like a little buying-power bonus of some kind? And the credit card choices featuring such points that are available to consumers are becoming more and more competitive.

With that in mind, banks are aiming to deliver credit cards their clients are looking for, and CIBC has upped the ante with its enhanced Aventura credit cards, which are more flexible than ever. Exciting

new Aventura travel rewards features mean you can redeem reward points for travel on any airline, have access to every seat on the plane and fly for as few as 10,000 Aventura Points.

In addition, these cutting-edge credit cards get clients to their dream destination faster than ever. Other enhancements include new trip-cancellation insurance to complement the cards' medical and trip-interruption insurance.

Here is how it works: You will earn one Aventura Point for every \$1 spent using your card. And you will have the ability to earn 1.5 Aventura Points on purchases at gas stations, grocery and drug stores. If you prefer, you can use a

To create its enhanced Aventura credit cards, CIBC did its research and asked Canadians what they wanted in a travel rewards program.

Among the findings, two important needs stood out — clients wanted the ability to earn points faster, and the flexibility in knowing that they could access every seat on any airline.

Canadians also said it was important for them to earn extra points for everyday purchases, so Aventura's offer of 1.5 points on purchases at gas stations, grocery and drug stores was an attractive feature.

What's more, they didn't want any blackout periods or points expiry, and

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# A WISH LIST OF OPTIONS



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clients and rewards collectors, who have become savvy about the pros and cons of the various programs flooding the market. In building the program, CIBC sat down with Canadians from across the country, listened to their feedback about current travel rewards programs and built the new Aventura with their wish list in mind.

## FLEXIBILITY TO BOOK ANY AIRLINE, ANY SEAT, ANYTIME

they wanted to be able to use points toward taxes and fees — all features that are part of the Aventura travel rewards program.

Canadian travel reward card-holders viewed CIBC's Aventura offer as attractive due to the value that Aventura Points provide toward travel costs and the ability to book travel without limitations — that means any airline, any seat, anytime.

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making a lot of money. says, you end up paying interest and not the credit card balance every month, Pons the credit card. But if you don't pay off additional bonus rewards simply by using your time to reward — there are often programs can be a great way to super-charge • Be wise with credit. Credit card pro-Wong says.

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me to spread my points rather than put unaffiliated credit card, and that forced card. "I was using a loyalty card and an programs that are affiliated with a credit • Double dip. Take advantage of loyalty financial, Environments Research Group. says David MacDonald, group VP, custom-egory and the other person do another," and do most of the shopping in that cat-should sign up for one rewards program advantage of points. "Maybe one spouse with kids, you probably aren't taking full had as a student and now you are married Lifestyle. If you have the same card you • Choose loyalty programs based on your School of Business.

# HOW TO MAXIMIZE PROGRAMS

Loyalty programs offer the opportunity to be rewarded for purchases you make every day. However, with so many programs to choose from and so much information available, it is easy to miss out on the ones that would get you to your chosen reward faster.

To help clear through the clutter, a new, free online tool (compareloyal-typrograms.ca) asks a few simple questions and recommends up to three programs that will get you to your preferred rewards faster based on your shopping habits. What's really new and unique about the tool is that it strategically evaluates cards based on "time to reward" or how quickly you can reach your desired reward.

According to the 2013 COLLOQUY Loyalty Census, the average Canadian household is involved in about eight loyalty programs. Rewards fall into three categories — cash, merchandise or travel — and, historically, people have signed up from the point-of-view of "how much do I have to spend in order to get rewards."

"But it's not just about the dividend or payout rate that these programs offer," says David MacDonald, group VP, custom/financial, Environments Research Group. "It's about how you accumulate points and how quickly you can get a reward of some sizable value to you."

The tool, which was created by Environments Research Group, is quick and simple to use. All you have to do is enter a bit of information about shopping preferences and habits, and which type of rewards you prefer. Then, the tool determines



up to three Canadian loyalty programs or affiliated credit cards that are most likely to get you \$100 in rewards faster. The evaluation is based on

substantial research into Canadians' habits using loyalty programs and what kinds of rewards they prefer, says Ken Wong, marketing professor at Queen's School of Business, Kingston, Ont., who reviewed and approved the research methodology. "The tool provides just three cards to consider, and that is easier than consumers having to compare 20 or 30 programs."

Also, you can fill out the tool several times if you want to see how differences in shopping habits and choices impact the variables and the cards recommended. "The three cards you are presented with make most sense for the spending patterns you have entered," MacDonald says.

# TOP 20 IN CANADA

- Here are the top 20 loyalty programs by percentage of usage in Canada, based on the percentage of Canadians who collected rewards over a three-month period in 2012.
- AIR MILES Reward Program — 68 per cent
  - Shoppers Optimum — 30 per cent
  - HBC Rewards — 26 per cent
  - Canadian Tire Money — 23 per cent
  - Aeroplan — 23 per cent
  - PETRO-POINTS — 18 per cent
  - PC Points — 13 per cent
  - Scene — 10 per cent
  - Club Sobies — 10 per cent
  - Sears Card — 10 per cent
  - Esso Extra — eight per cent
  - CAA — seven per cent
  - Save-On-More — seven per cent
  - Plum Rewards — seven per cent
  - RBC Rewards — seven per cent
  - Best Buy Rewards — six per cent
  - RBC Avion — three per cent
  - Desjardins — three per cent
  - AMEX Rewards — three per cent
  - Walmart Rewards — three per cent



# LOYALTY LOVE AFFAIR

Consumer loyalty programs have become an ingrained part of Canadian life. From the iconic Canadian Tire money to the latest digital smartphone wizardry, competition continues to evolve and raise the stakes for businesses and deliver benefits to consumers.

Canadians are global leaders in loyalty program participation. The average Canadian household is active in 9.2 programs. By comparison, the average American household is active in only 6.2 programs. An ongoing study by Canadian research firm Abacus Data found that an astounding nine in 10 Canadian adults belong to loyalty programs.

"These statistics haven't really shifted much during the three surveys we conducted in 2013," says Sean Copeland, Abacus Data's director of consumer research. "We consistently see most Canadians using three or more rewards programs on a regular basis to collect points or miles for future redemption."

The most popular loyalty programs in Canada are Air Miles Rewards (seven in

10 Canadians), and the Shoppers Optimum program (three in 10 Canadians). While these cards won't disappear from Canadian wallets anytime soon, there are big changes on the horizon as Canadian businesses adjust to the shifting consumer loyalty landscape.

Research shows Canadians are most interested in loyalty programs that are simple, clear, and deliver instant rewards. The American retail giant Target, currently opening stores in Canada, is taking heed. Target's "Red Card," a branded debit or credit card, gives shoppers an instant five per cent off at checkout for every purchase.

Target aims to not only draw new customers, but to also fill each shopping cart with a little more merchandise. Experts contend that the Red Card adds between one and two per cent to the total of each checkout at Target, and more established Canadian competitors are expected to follow suit with similar offers.

An emerging trend in consumer loyalty programs is the use of smartphone-based

Canada's largest grocer recently launched a new digital loyalty program targeting customers with individually tailored promotions. PC Plus, the Loblaw program, targets customers using their purchase histories, offering discounts on items they buy regularly, along with products they might be interested in, but need an incentive to try.

— Peter Doyle



# CONSUMERS WANT MORE AND WANT IT NOW

While Canadians are still very much in love with consumer loyalty programs, it appears the relationship has moved into a new and more demanding phase. Token gifts and promises are no longer enough — consumers now want bigger rewards, and expect to be able to access them sooner.

The attitude shift became clear following Loblaw's acquisition of Shoppers Drug Mart. Optimum, the pharmacy retailer's rewards card, is Canada's most popular customer reward program. When the acquisition was announced, Optimum members flooded social media sites and the program's call centre with their concerns. Both retail chains were forced to reassure consumers about the program's future.

"Canadians have grown up with loyalty programs in many circumstances, so there's almost an expectation," says Kevin O'Brien, chief commercial officer at Aeroplan Canada.

O'Brien is all too familiar with the potential consequences of failing to meet consumer expectations. In 2006, Aeroplan announced an expiry date for points accumulated under the program.

Not surprisingly, consumer reaction was intensely negative and Aeroplan's subsequent struggles led to a complete redesign of the program — and new credit card partners — earlier this year.

Clearly, consumers no longer consider rewards a simple perk; today, they expect to be properly compensated for their loyalty. Most members of customer loyalty programs recognize they are providing



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retailers with valuable information; they are determined to get something in return. Goodbye romance, hello interest-based negotiations.

A 2013 white paper published by Envisionics Research reflects just how much the loyalty program landscape has shifted. The paper reviewed 22 loyalty programs and outlines a new way to determine their relative value — a measure it calls "time to reward." The new measure takes into account both the potential value of reward points a consumer receives for a given purchase, as well as the amount of shopping required before "cashing in" those points.

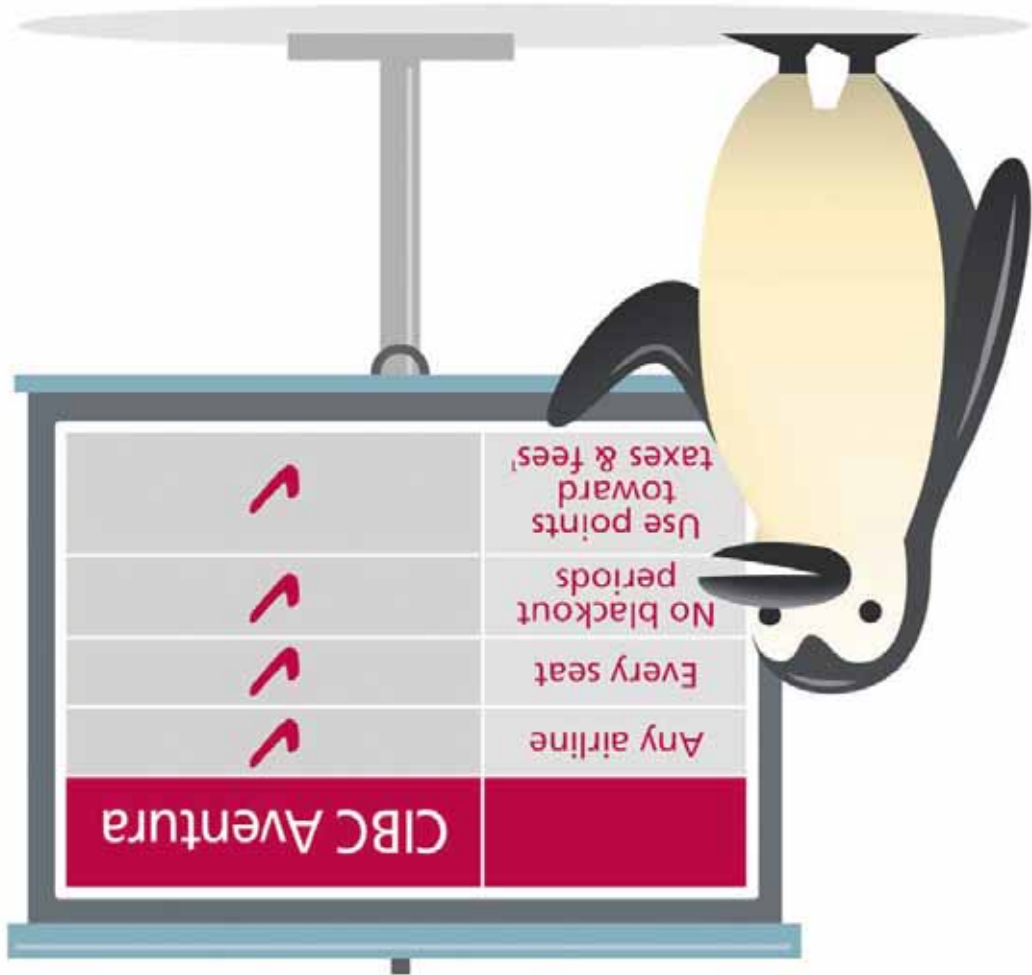
"When it comes to loyalty programs, what is ultimately most important to the consumer is being able to understand how long it will take them to achieve their desired reward," the study states.

The report suggests that the best way to meet these expectations — and to retain members — is to provide consumers with opportunities to collect points quickly, such as through "double-dip" offers (twice the amount of rewards for buying specific products).

— Peter Doyle



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